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Naval Hospital Pensacola Named Top Performer

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A patient undergoes a surgical procedure at Naval Hospital Pensacola. The hospital was recognized for its application of best practices for surgical care and treatment of venous thromboembolism (VTE), a blood clot that forms within a vein. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class James Stenberg/Released)

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Naval Hospital Pensacola was recently named a 2012 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States. This was the first time a naval hospital was named as a Top Performer by The Joint Commission.

“It is an honor to be recognized by The Joint Commission as a Top Performer,” said Cmdr. Marnie Buchanan, special assistant, Quality Management, NHP. “It is a true reflection of NHP’s dedication to our patients and high quality health care.”

Started in 2011, The Joint Commission’s Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® program recognizes accredited hospitals that attain excellence on accountability measure

performance. The program is based on data reported about evidence-based care processes for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children’s asthma, inpatient psychiatric services, stroke, venous thromboembolism and immunization.

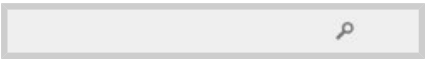
Naval Hospital Pensacola was recognized for its application of best practices for surgical care and venous thromboembolism (VTE), which is a blood clot that forms within a vein.

To be named as a Top Performer, NHP had to meet specific eligibility criteria established by The Joint Commission and meet or exceed specific reportable standards for surgical care and VTE. A couple of examples include prescribing the correct antibiotics before and after surgery within a specific time frame and mitigating risks for hospitalized patients to develop a VTE.

“Naval Hospital Pensacola and all the Top Performer hospitals have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to quality improvement and they should be proud of their achievement,” said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and chief executive officer, The Joint Commission. “We have much to celebrate this year. Nearly half of our accredited hospitals have attained or nearly attained the Top Performer distinction. This truly shows that we are approaching a tipping point in hospital quality performance that will directly contribute to better health outcomes for patients.”

Naval Hospital Pensacola was one of 1,099 hospitals in the U.S. to earn this distinction, and there are over 5,700 registered hospitals in the United States according to www.aha.org.

“We understand that what matters most to our patients at Naval Hospital Pensacola is safe, effective care,” said Capt. Maureen Padden, commanding officer, NHP. “That’s why Naval Hospital Pensacola has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through patient-centered care processes. Naval Hospital Pensacola is proud to receive the distinction of being a Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures.”



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